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In re Application of:

IN-SOO KIM et al.

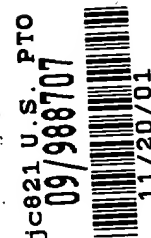|			
Serial No.:	*to be assigned*	Examiner:	*to be assigned*
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For:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UPGRADING DEVICE DRIVER		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites,

provides copies and discusses the following art references:

US Patent No.	**Inventor**	**Date**
5,580,177	Gase et al.	12/96
5,809,287	Stupek, Jr. et al.	9/98
6,023,585	Perlman et al.	2/2000

Foreign Patent No.	**Inventor**	**Date**
KR1999-0061251	Lee	7/99
JP8-161250	Nakagiri	6/96 *equivalent to EP0716371
EP0716371 A2	Nakagiri	6/96 *equivalent to JP8-161250
JP9-251355	Yoshioka	9/97
JP10-91500	Tatsutaki	4/98
JP10-171634	Yagi	6/98
JP11-327828	Omura	11/99
JP2000-10787	Kuro et al.	1/2000

Gase et al.'177 discloses printer/client network with centrally updated printer drivers and printer status monitoring.

Stupek, Jr. et al.'287 discloses automatic computer upgrading.

Perlman et al.'585 discloses automatically selecting and downloading device drivers from a server system to a client system that includes one or more devices.

Lee'251 discloses network system and managing method for a version manager using an internet and a local disk.

Nakagiri'250 discloses information processing apparatus having automatic OS selecting function.

Nakagiri'371 discloses information processing apparatus having automatic OS selecting function.

Yoshioka'355 discloses a printer capable of carrying out the version-up of a printer program without any operation of a user.

Tatsutaki'500 discloses client/server system, differential file down loading method in client/server system and storage medium storing program for differential file down loading.

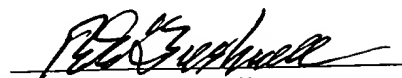Yagi'634 discloses information processing terminal and program updating system.

Omura'828 discloses printing controller, driver managing method for the same and storage medium storing program which computer can read.

Kudo et al.'787 discloses program down-loading device and its method.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relative arts.

No fee is incurred by this Statement.

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